[ANARTS - Australian National Amateur Radio Teletype Society]

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SUNDAY BROADCAST SCHEDULES.

3.545 mhz	0930 utc	VK2BQS (Jim)
7.045 mhz -3	0030 utc	VK2CTD (COL)
14.070 mhz (amtor/fec)	0030 utc	VK2DPM (ALAN)
14.091 mhz	0030 utc	VK2BQS (JIM)
146.675 mhz	0030/0930 utc	VK2JPA (PAT)
144.850 mhz (ax25 bbs)		VK2JPA AT VK2RWI
146.675 mhz (rtty mmbbs/repeater)		VK2RTY

Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.

QUESTION.....
Why has Dural been off air in such a state of emergency?

In this emergency that is affecting so many people in the northern parts of Sydney, why has the WIA Council (VK2 Division) kept Dural repeaters off air when there is such a need for communications in this catastrophe ?

I find it incredible that the Council does not respond to this emergency and put the repeaters back up as a public service regardless of the reason for taking them off air.

Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer ANARTS

Due to the emergency situation in eastern New South Wales, I am holding back the series on Guidelines for the preparation of programs for transmission by Amateur Radio Teletype sent to us by Frank VK2FJL. This will now commence next week - surely the fires will be gone by then, and the amateurs back at their sets ...

Spare a thought for any amateurs affected by this desperate situation. If many are affected, is there some way we who are safe can help get them back on air ? Thoughts to this end would be appreciated. Contact Pat VK2JPA at VK2GJB while VK2RWI is off air, or drop a fax to (02) 622 9604 during working hours.

Syd, VK2SG, back on air

With the help of Bill, VK2EG, and Bruce, VK2RT, Syd's shack has been moved into his house to make up for his lack of mobility and Syd is back on air, except for CW. Be prepared to hear him on Pactor etc., maybe even a few contacts in contests, depending on his health at the time.

What Syd does need help with is the chain drive for his quad which is on top of a 65 foot free-standing tower.The chain has come off again so he is restricted to a north-east heading. Is there some energetic person out there with the time and expertise to assist ? Contact Syd on (02) 631 2576. Tell him you saw it in the broadcast.

Attention Volunteer Coastal Patrol operators

The Royal Blind Society of New South Wales, in conjunction with the Maritime Services, have produced a tape which consists of frequencies, times and weather forecasts together with ocean conditions, traffic, and many other services which have reference to shipping operations (including safety) that are normally broadcast by the Maritime Services (O.T.C.).

This tape has been produced to assist the blind or dyslectic operators that are assisting with the operations of the Volunteer Coastal Patrol services throughout Australia. The tape is a C60 twin track cassette and is available from the Royal Blind Society of New South Wales for a slight cost.

The tapes are now available, after some delay was overcome.

Please direct all enquiries to Jim Bates at the Royal Blind Society of New South Wales, phone (02) 334 3333, 4 Mitchell Street Enfield Sydney.

Seen in the RTTY Digital Journal and reprinted there from somewhere in a US communications network. Just a bit of light humour ...

To all visitors

WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS AN AMATEUR RADIO STATION, LICENSED AS BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. BEFORE YOU ASK QUESTIONS, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING -

1. The total cost of this equipment cannot be discussed here as it creates marital conflicts.

2. No, I cannot send a message to your brother in Hong Kong, I suggest you call Western Union.

3. This is strictly a hobby; I do not have the facilities or the time to fix TV sets, radios or Hi-Fi. I suggest you see a serviceman.

4. Yes, the antenna in the backyard is essential to the operation of the equipment.

5. The farthest station we have contacted has been in the Ubangiland.

6. The cards on the wall are called QSL cards. They are confirmation of contacts made with other stations.

7. Oh, no!! Never does this station equipment interfere with television reception.

Furthermore -
IF YOU ARE INVITED TO SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES -

1. Speak in a low and soothing tone.
2. Do not agree with me in any manner.

3. Say no bad words and tell no off-colour jokes.

DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING, TURN ANY KNOBS, OR SIT ON THE EQUIPMENT. I HAVE LOST SEVERAL VISITORS BY ELECTROCUTION IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

IPS weekly report
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31 December - 6 January 1994

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Date	30	01	02	03	04	05	06
10cm	141	148	146	133	129	137	132
A	16	21	19	13	06	05	(10 estimated)
T	116	51	46	55	73	80	86

Summary of activity

Solar activity was very low 1st and 3rd-4th January, low 31st December and 6th January, moderate on 5th, and high on 2nd with an M6 flare on that day.

The geomagnetic field at Learmonth (WA) was -

31st Quiet to unsettled with active periods 0600-1200 UT
1st Unsettled to active
2nd Quiet to active
3rd Quiet to unsettled, with brief active period 1500-1800 UT
4th Quiet to unsettled
5th Quiet
6th Quiet to unsettled

Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies at Sydney were near normal or enhanced by up to 50 per cent. Strong sporadic E was observed on 31st-4th and obscured the F layer at times each day.

Forecast for the next week (7 - 13 January)

Solar : Low.

Geomagnetic: Quiet with possible active periods 12-13 Jan.

Ionospheric: 10 - 20 per cent enhanced/near normal.

Courtesy of IPS Radio and Space Services

No RTTY DXnotes available, so here is whatever we could find.

ARLD001 DX NEWS

PRATAS TO BE ACTIVE

ON JANUARY 5, 1994, A GROUP OF EXPEDITIONERS FROM TAIWAN AND FINLAND WILL ACTIVATE PRATAS ISLAND, AKA TUNG SHA DAO. FOR THE

FIRST TIME IN AMATEUR RADIO HISTORY. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF LEADER BV5AF, BV2AP, BV4AS, BV4OB AND OH2BH. THE CALL SIGNS BV0ARL/BV9P OR SIMPLY BV9P WILL BE USED.

THIS INITIAL OPERATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND A HALF HOURS, FROM 0300Z UNTIL 0730Z, ACCORDING TO BV5AF, AND WILL HOPEFULLY OPEN THE DOOR FOR A LARGER OPERATION IN MARCH.
THERE IS CURRENTLY NO DXCC STATUS FOR THAT ISLAND.

Most wanted countries on RTTY, as of August 1993

This is from the DX Bulletin and printed in the RTTY Digital Journal December 1993.

The rarest are - Libya 5A, Heard Island VK0, Yemen 4W, Mount Athos SV/A, Congo TN, Kerguelen FT/X. All respondents to the survey used to supply the above needed those countries.

Other rare countries are - Bhutan A5, Burundi 9U, Nepal 9N, Ghana 9G, Peter Island 3Y, Kermadec ZL8, Andamans VU4, Tromelin FR/T, Macquarie Island VK0, Crozet FT/W, St Peter and Paul Rocks PY0S, Tunisia 3V, Auckland Island ZL9, Afghanistan YA, Guinea 3X, Cocos Islands TI9, Central Kiribati T31, Qatar A7, Bahrain A9, Rwanda 9X, Trindade PY0T, Minami Torishima JD1, Tokelau ZK3, Jan Mayen JX.

Coming events

1994

January 8th-9th ARRL Rtty Roundup

Society information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065 Australia, for such matters as membership and general enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the President (Col) VK2CTD, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA @ VK2RWI

News items may be sent to Broadcast Officer PO Box 60 Blacktown 2148 Australia, or by packet to VK2JPA @ VK2RWI.

The Internet address for the Broadcast Officer is :
patl@extro.edu.su.oz.au

The Society welcomes news items on any digital subjects from anywhere in the broadcast coverage area. We know we reach New Zealand and many South Pacific islands and we are looking forward to news from your areas to let other amateurs know what you are doing in the hobby. Hope to hear from you.

73s de Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer

That concludes ANARTS News Bulletin 791 09/01/94

Inserted by VK2BQS Jim (Vice-President ANARTS).

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